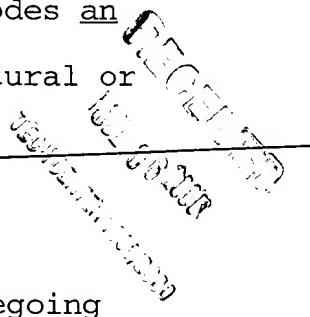


IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

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3 (Twice amended). An isolated and purified DNA fragment according to claim 2, wherein said fragment has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 [, or a natural or synthetic variant thereof].

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5 (Twice amended). [The] An F1-V DNA fragment [according to claim 3], wherein said DNA fragment encodes an amino acid sequence specified in SEQ ID NO:2 [or a natural or synthetic variant encoding F1 and V antigens].



REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to remove objectionable language added in the amendment filed August 11, 1997 as requested by Examiner. Entry of the amended specification is kindly requested.

Claims 3 and 5 have been amended. Claim 3 has been amended to remove objectionable language. Claim 5 has been amended to render it an independent claim. Entry and consideration of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.